



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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Dear Josh,

I want to reiterate what I said Thursday night about how grateful I am you took the time to meet with me and share your reaction to my thoughts on arms control. The ability to present my ideas in confidence and gain the benefit of your thinking is invaluable. I was particularly appreciative of your willingness to come to town for this meeting when I know how busy your schedule is.

After listening to the discussion, I have concluded I need to revise and sharpen my proposal. Some of the concerns expressed arise simply from flaws in our presentation which I will correct. But many of your ideas deserve very serious consideration and suggest some changes in my approach. I therefore plan to rework my proposal based on your insights. I hope that I can then assemble the same group and gain their private, personal reactions to my modified approach. Mike Hughes, who is replacing Jake Stewart, will be in touch with you when I am ready for another session.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me.

Sincerely,

  
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